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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL ON FINANCE MINISTER TEMAM

1. HAD A BRIEF MEETING FEBRUARY 10 AT MY REQUEST WITH FINANCE MINISTER TEMAM. ECONOFF SMITH ACCOMPANIED.
2. MEETING MOSTLY DEVOTED TO USUAL COURTESIES. TEMAM SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS EXCHANGE IN MANILA WITH SECRETARY SIMON. SAID EXCHANGE WAS ANIMATED AND STIMULATING AND HE HOPED SIMILAR RELATIONSHIP COULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH NEW SECRETARY. HE WILL SEND US A LETTER FOR FORWARDING TO SIMON WITH COPY FOR SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL.
3. TEMAM MENTIONED INCREASING NUMBER OF PROBLEMS THAT SEEM TO CROP UP BETWEEN U.S. FIRMS AND GOA BUT POINTED OUT THAT INCREASED PACE OF U.S./ALGERIAN RELATIONS BOUND TO INCREASE NUMBER OF PROBLEMS.
4. I SAID WE WANTED U.S. FIRMS TO HAVE A GOOD REPUTATION IN ALGERIA. IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY FOR GOA TO GIVE ITS FULL COOPERATION TO AMERICAN COMPANIES' EFFORTS TO KEEP PROJECTS ON SCHEDULE. TEMAM SAID THAT HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO CUSTOMS TO COOPERATE FULLY, BUT AGREED THIS WAS PROBLEM HE MUST LOOK AT MORE CAREFULLY.

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5. TEMAM MENTIONED SEVERAL FIRMS (CHEMICO, PRITCHARD, DRAVO) AS HAVING CAUSED PROBLEMS. I SAID I WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE CHEMICO AND PRITCHARD CASES BUT WAS NOT AWARE OF NATURE OF PROBLEMS WITH THE DRAVO IRRIGATION PROJECT. TEMAM SAID DRAVO HAD CHANGED ITS PLAN THREE TIMES, EACH TIME POSTPONING COMPLETION DATE AND

INCREASING COST. I SAID MUCH OF DELAY WAS DUE TO GOA
INABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS ON SUPPLY QUESTIONS.

6. MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND ENDED WITH AGREEMENT
THAT MY SUCCESSOR SHOULD ESTABLISH CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
WITH FINANCE MINISTER.

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